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COCOM Document No. 3710.72/4

COORDINATING COMMITTEE

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

ON

ITEM 1072 - PRESSES

16th and 18th December 1959

Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Documents Nos. 3700.1 and .8, 3710.00/1, 3710.72/1, 2 and 3, W.P.1072/1 to 5.

1. At the opening of the third round of the discussion on Item 1072, the UNITED STATES Delegate stated that his authorities, in a final endeavour to reach a compromise which would meet the desires of the Delegations principally interested, had agreed to make concessions going beyond anything they had previously envisaged. He then introduced, in COCOM Document No. 3710.72/3, the following proposal for a redefinition of Item 1072:

"Presses and specialized controls, accessories and parts therefor, as follows:

- (a) Presses actuated by explosives;
- (b) Specially designed or re-designed for the working or forming of metals, alloys or other materials with a melting point exceeding 1900°C;
- (c) Mechanical and hydraulic, n.e.s., with total rated pressures of over 5,000 tons;

NOTE: Governments may permit in (c) above as administrative exceptions, the export to the Bloc of

(1) extrusion presses having a total rated pressure less than 10,000 tons and

(2) vortical forging presses having a total rated pressure less than 15,000 tons provided the exporting Government is satisfied that the presses are not designed for use in forming aircraft missile or space vehicle parts, in powder metallurgy or in ceramics production.

(For additional press coverage see also Item 1081)

An adequate technical description of the equipment and the transaction is to be reported to the Committee monthly.

- (d) Control equipment, accessories and parts which are specially designed for the above presses.

NOTE: Normal amounts of the equipment in part (d) above may be exported as administrative exceptions to service presses exported under the Note in (c) above."

2. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate, without wishing to appear discourteous to those Delegations who had referred to their Governments the United Kingdom compromise proposal set out in paragraph 14 of COCOM Document No. 3710.72/2, considered that the new text just laid before the Committee by the United States Delegation (see above) might with advantage be taken as a basis for the day's debate. He welcomed very warmly the initiative taken by the United

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States Delegation and expressed his appreciation for their efforts in seeking further instructions. He wished, however, to suggest the following changes in wording:

Note to part (c).

Part (1)

For "extrusion" substitute "horizontal".
For "less than 10,000 tons" read: "up to and including 10,000 tons".

Part (2)

Delete "forging", and read "vertical presses".
For "less than 15,000 tons" read "of 15,000 tons or less".
In the fourth line, insert "specially" before "designed".

Last sentence

Read: "A technical description" (deleting "adequate").

Note to part (d)

Read:

"Governments may permit as administrative exceptions the export of equipment covered by part (d) which relates to presses covered by the Note to part (c) above."

The references to powder metallurgy and to ceramics production in (2) of the Note to part (c), were, he felt, superfluous in view of paragraph (b) of the definition, but he had no strong feelings on this point, and could accept them.

3. The GERMAN Delegate associated himself with his United Kingdom colleague's tribute to the efforts made by the United States Delegation to meet the views of other Governments. On the various changes proposed by the United Kingdom Delegate, his Delegation would be most grateful to the United States Delegation if they could accept the proposed improvements.

4. The FRENCH Delegate thanked the United States Delegation for their marked effort to make a unanimous solution possible. The Delegate had received instructions which would enable him to accept the United States proposal, preferably with the amendments suggested by the United Kingdom Delegation.

5. The ITALIAN Delegate said he could accept the proposal ad referendum.

6. The JAPANESE Delegate reminded the Committee that he had already accepted what now formed part (a) of the United States proposal. He would be able also to accept the remainder of the definition, preferably with the amendments suggested by his United Kingdom colleague.

7. The NETHERLANDS Delegate said that he could accept the United States text as proposed, but would welcome consideration of the amendments desired by the German and United Kingdom Delegations.

8. After further debate, the position on the changes proposed by the United Kingdom Delegation emerged as follows:

Note to part (c)

Part (1)

For "extrusion presses" it was agreed to read "vertical presses and horizontal extrusion presses". As to the changed wording of the cut-off, regarding which the German and United Kingdom Delegations had strong views, the United States Delegation undertook to consult their authorities.

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Part (2)

The position of Delegations was as just described, both as to the word "forging" and as to the phrasing of the cut-off.

The insertion of "specially" in the fourth line was agreed and the United States Delegation pointed out that the whole of this phrase, from "provided" in the second line to "production" in the sixth line, related to part (1) as well as to part (2).

Last sentence

The deletion of "adequate" was agreed, the United States Delegation indicating that by "technical description" was meant information sufficiently detailed to permit of identification, not merely a statement of the tonnage.

Note to part (d)

The text shown below was agreed, the United States Delegation indicating their understanding that the coverage related to normal amounts for servicing and not to amounts which could be put to use in equipment other than that exportable by the West.

"Governments may permit as administrative exceptions the export of normal amounts of equipment covered by part (d) above to service presses exported under the Note to part (c) above."

9. The COMMITTEE agreed to resume the discussion on the 18th December.

10. On the 18th December the UNITED STATES Delegate said that he was now authorised to accept deletion of the word "forging" from part (2) of the proposed Note to sub-item (c). He had no authorisation, however, which would permit him to act favourably on the other proposals laid before the Committee on the 16th December for the revision of the proposal set out in paragraph 1 of COCOM Document 3710.72/4.

11. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate welcomed the deletion of the word "forging".

12. The GERMAN Delegate expressed his authorities' appreciation of the United States Delegation's attitude on this item. They continued to regret, however, that it had not been possible to give them a little satisfaction as regards the cut-offs. Nevertheless, they were prepared to accept the definition as it now emerged, while reserving the right, if necessary, to revert to the question of the cut-off at a future date.

13. The ITALIAN Delegate stated that in these circumstances he could confirm his previous ad referendum agreement.

CONCLUSION: The COMMITTEE agreed that Item 1072 would be redefined as follows:

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NOTE: Governments may permit in (c) above as administrative exceptions, provided they are satisfied that the presses are not specially designed for use in forming aircraft, missile, or space vehicle parts, in powder metallurgy or in ceramics production,

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- (1) horizontal extrusion presses having a total rated pressure less than 10,000 tons and
- (2) vertical presses having a total rated pressure less than 15,000 tons.

A technical description of the equipment and the transaction is to be reported to the Committee monthly.

- (d) Control equipment, accessories and parts which are specially designed for the above presses.

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